



# News Release

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### **The Arizona Department of Public Safety and Arizona Hiking Shack present the third annual Swiftwater Rescue Rodeo**

Swiftwater rescues are arguably the most dangerous rescues that any emergency response team will be asked to perform. Constant training and conditioning helps minimize the inherent and extreme dangers of swiftwater rescues.

An exciting and informative event, scheduled for June 11, will bring swiftwater rescue teams from across Arizona together to train and compete with each other. Event organizers would like to invite the media to attend the event so they can meet the teams and talk to the people that risk their lives to save others.

Each team will participate in five events that will test their skill, teamwork and knowledge in rescuing victims in a swiftwater or flood environment. Since January of 2005 at least 10 people have died from flood related accidents in Arizona.

With the beginning of the monsoon season, emergency response teams in Arizona would like to increase public awareness about the flood and swiftwater dangers that exist within the state.

Ultimately, we hope the media will work with us to help educate the public so that the upcoming monsoon season results in no flood related deaths. With that in mind, we hope members from the media will attend this upcoming event to obtain information and witness an exciting, dramatic competition. The competition will mirror the types of swiftwater rescues emergency response teams conduct each year within Arizona.

**Date and Time:**

This event will start at 8 a.m. on June 11, 2005. The event will continue until a new champion is determined.

**Location:**

This event will be held on the Central Arizona Project canal located east of Interstate 17 and north of Happy Valley Road. Travel north on the east frontage road for about three miles to the canal. Cross the bridge and travel through the gates. Pictures from last year's event can be seen at [AHSRescue.com](http://AHSRescue.com).